

NEW COMBAT LIFESAVER (CLS) BAG

As a result of new advances in trauma management and feedback from users in the field, the Army has updated the combat lifesaver (CLS) bag. The new CLS bag combines treatment recommendations from the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TC3) panel as well as changes in the program of instruction for CLS providers. Due to the number and type of changes made to the components, the CLS bag now has a new National Stock Number (NSN) 6545-01-532-3674 and a new Unit Assemblage (UA) number, 1245.

The Common Table of Allowances (CTA) is updated to reflect these numerical changes. To avoid confusion with the previous version, the long nomenclature of this CLS bag is listed as **"MES Combat Lifesaver version 2005"** and is populated in the medical databases of Medical Services Information Logistics Systems (MEDSILS) and the Unit Data Repository (UDR).

Components of the new Medical Equipment Set (MES), with their corresponding NSN and quantity, are provided in the table at the end of this article. It is important to note that although a Chitosan bandage is being authorized for inclusion in the Southwest Asia Theater, it is NOT currently a component of the assemblage. Also, while the Medical Chemical Defense Materiel items of Atropine and Diazepam remain authorized in the UA and therefore listed, the assemblage will be fielded without those two items. This is to comply with the currently established centralized process for ordering these items. For ease of identification, the new components are also listed in the "characteristics" field of MEDSILS and the UDR under the above NSN. In the near future, the current bag (case, medical) will also be replaced with one that is sturdier and affords the soldier the ability to carry it in a variety of ways. It will be easier to use and can be carried in such a way so as to not interfere with the other equipment a soldier must carry.

The NSN for the new bag in the assemblage is 6545-01-537-0686 and the nomenclature is BAG, TC3, COMBAT CASUALTY CARE. Since this item is a brand new selection by the medic panel at AMEDDC&S, the components will continue to be issued in the old bag, 6545-00-912-9870, CASE #3, 10X4-1/2X18IN until such time as the old stock has been depleted and the new stock is sufficient for fielding at DSCP. The exact time frame for this to occur will depend on the volume of orders and the manufacturer's ability to ramp up production to meet requirements. Hextend will remain a component of the CLS assemblage. This policy has been coordinated with the Office of the Surgeon General. That does not, of course, negate the unit surgeon's authority to replace that fluid with a crystalloid as he deems necessary with regard to his/her CLS providers and the mission. USAMMA/DSCP will not build multiple CLS assemblages with different intravenous fluids. That substitution can be done at the local level. As of 03 April 2006, DSCP is filling orders for the CLS bag with the new components.

Information regarding the updates to the CLS bag will be communicated to the field in the following ways:

- OTSG ALARACT message
(Or the USAMMA Emergency Operations Center message traffic)
- Medical Materiel Quality Control (MMQC) message
- FORSCOM Surgeon newsletter
- The USAMMA website, and will be
- Updated in the appropriate Supply Bulletin (SB)

USAMMA will also try to disseminate via the AMEDDC&S website, appropriate email lists for division/brigade/battalion surgeons, TRADOC, and the AKO homepage. Questions regarding these changes may be directed to the

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NSN	Nomenclature	U/I	Qty
6545015370686	BAG,TC3,COMBAT CASUALTY CARE	EA	1
6505009269083	ATROPINE INJECTION AQUEOUS TYPE 0.7ML SYRINGE WITH NEEDLE	EA	5
6505012740951	DIAZEPAM INJECTION USP 5MG/ML 2ML SYRINGE-NEEDLE UNIT AUTO INJ	EA	5
6515015195778	ADAPTER CATHETER TO LUER SYRINGE SHORT LOCKING 5S	PG	ea
6510009268884	ADHESIVE TAPE SURGICAL POROUS WOVEN 3 INCHES BY 10 YARDS 4S	PG	1 roll
6515012331917	AIRWAY NASOPHARYNGEAL 9MM ID 12MM OD KINK RES SMOOTH RD EDGES10S	PG	1 ea
6510002011755	BANDAGE MUSLIN COMPRESSED OLIVE DRAB37X37X52" TRIANG W/SFTY PINS	EA	3
6510009355823	BANDAGE ELASTIC FLESH ROLLED NONSTERILE 6"X 4.5 YDS 12S	PG	1 ea
6510015032117	BANDAGE GAUZE COTTON 6 PLY WHITE 4.5" WIDE 4.1 YDS LONG	RO	2 rolls
6510014922275	BANDAGE KIT ELASTIC	EA	2
6510005977469	BANDAGE ADH. 75X3" FLESH/CLEAR STER DRESS AFFIXED TO PLAS ADH100S	PG	5 ea
6515014841327	CATHETER IV INTROCAN SAFETY 18GAX1-1/4"LG WINGED NDL TEFLON 200S	PG	4 ea
6515011535373	CATHETER-NDL UNIT IV 14GAX3.25" LUER HUB AND NDL GUARD RADPQ 50S	PG	1 ea
6510002017425	DRESSING FIRST AID FIELD CAMOUFLAGED 11.5-12"W 11.5-12"LG ABS	EA	1
6510 15198421	DRESSING OCCLUSIVE ADHESIVE CLEAR 4.75X4" 5S	PG	2 ea
6515014915719	GLOVE PATIENT EXAMINING & TREATMENT SZ 10LG PURPLE 4.3MIL 100S	PG	4 ea
6505014988636	HETASTARCH IN LACTATED ELECTROLYTE INJECTION, 500ML	PG	2 ea
6515014523445	ADMINISTRATION SET INFUSION PUMP VENTED/UNVENTED	PG	1 ea
6505001117829	LUBRICANT SURGICAL 5 GRAM 144S	PG	1 ea
6505011978809	ORAL REHYDRATION SALTS USP 27.9GM FOIL PACKET 125 PER PACKAGE	PG	2 ea
6510007863736	PAD ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL IMPREGNATED NONWVN COTTON/RAYON WHITE 200S	PG	6 ea
6510010100307	PAD POVIDONE-IODINE IMPRE STER COTTON/RAYON 2X1.375" BROWN 100S	PG	6 ea
6515009357138	SCISSORS BANDAGE 7.25" LG ANG TO HDL 1.50" CUT LG BLUNT PTS CRS	EA	1
6515014941951	SPLINT UNIVERSAL ALUM 36"O/A LG 4.25"W GRAY & OLIVE DRAB REUSE	EA	1
6515015195872	SYRINGE AND NEEDLE HYPODERMIC SAFETY 3ML 23GA STER DISP 25S	PG	1 EA
6515011467794	TOURNIQUET NONPNEUMATIC ADULT 14X1" BLD TAKING DSGN RUBBER O/A	EA	1
6515015217976	OURNIQUET COMBAT APPLICATION ONE-HANDED	EA	1
6515015196764	TUBE DRAINAGE SURGICAL PENROSE 1"X18" RUBBER RADIOPAGUE STER 6S	PG	1 EA

Where the unit of issue (U/I) specifies a PG (package), the quantity column denotes the number taken from that package for the assemblage. For example, there are **6 pads** of isopropyl alcohol from the **package** in the CLS bag.